



Divine Mercy Support Network of Sacramento



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John Doering, Executive Director reports

Divine Mercy at the Cathedral

Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated by Bishop Jamie Soto. This annual event, sponsored by the Divine Mercy Sunday committee, brings together a thousand Divine Mercy devotees to “obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” (Diary 699). What a glorious event!

John Doering, your executive director, and wife Diane were honored to bring up the gifts and be a part of the beautiful singing of the Divine Mercy chaplet led by the cathedral cantor and organist. Doering commented, “It was so great to see so many Divine Mercy acquaintances, I’d like to take them all out for ice cream and cake.”

In his homily, Bishop Soto focused on doubting Thomas and indicated that he did not merely buy into what he had heard about the resurrected Christ, he wanted to personally touch Him. Jesus is willing to let us touch him also and be healed by his wounds.

The bishop went on to say, “We come to this Sunday, as we do every Sunday, to touch the divine Mercy that was poured out for us from the wounds of Christ. The human and earthly signs of this Eucharist bring us to a sacramental encounter with the same Lord Jesus who invites us, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.””

To read the bishop’s full homily, go to:
http://diocese-sacramento.org/diocesan_bishop/bishop_soto/PDFs/DivineMercySunday4-11-10.pdf

St. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIVINE MERCY FEAST AND IMAGE ENTHRONEMENT

Tess Polling

The Feast started with the 9-day novena commencing on Good Friday. On the Feast Day, before each mass, Eric Rand led the prayers of the chaplet of the

Divine Mercy and the prayer for priests and future priests.

The Feast was concelebrated by both pastors, Fr. Arbel Cabasagan and Fr. Rey Bersabal, at the 915am mass and included the unveiling, blessing and entronement of the Divine Mercy image. The Knights of Columbus color guards assisted and processed the image. After the homily, the pastor asked everyone to kneel down and prayed the Consecration Prayer to Jesus, the Divine Mercy. People were touched and had tears while praying the consecration prayer.

The unveiling, blessing and consecration happened at all masses. The ceremonial mass with the color guards and entronement was done at the 915am mass and reception in the Parish Hall.

Veneration of the image followed.



The image is now permanently enthroned in the side chapel called the “Divine Mercy Chapel.” This image was donated by the Divine Mercy prayer group led by Alice Gonzales from St. Anne Parish, Union City. The image is the exact replica of the one at the shrine in Krakow, Poland, sent by the Faustinum nuns of Our Lady of Mercy, to Alice. It is Alice’ mission to give an image to each church for entronement.

Two weeks later, the parish launched a prayer brigade to pray for all priests/ seminarians in our diocese, our Pope and Bishops. Prayer cards were printed with the name of each on the front and the

back. We gave and encouraged families to pick up many of the holy cards and give them away to friends and relatives. St. John the Baptist parish is blessed to have a monthly Divine Mercy mass and the Faustinum formation led by Fr Derek LaBranch on third Mondays of the month and feeding at Loaves and Fishes on 3rd Tuesdays. As work of mercy, members bring donations of food for the homeless to the Divine Mercy mass which are given out the next day at Loaves.

We welcome all to come and visit our Divine Mercy Chapel and join us on 3rd Mondays of the month.

The small image that was on the wall in the chapel that was replaced with the big one during enthronement is now going from home to home with a pic of Our Lady. Different parishioners will take the pictures home each week and will pray the chaplet and the rosary cenacle with Our Lady. This week we heard that two parishioners who had not been to confession for a long time went to confession.

Jesus I trust in You.

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
PARISH, SACRAMENTO, CA
Myrna Shanklin**

Since 1995, Divine Mercy Chaplet has been prayed at St. Charles Marian Prayer Group called Our Lady of Guadalupe Cenacle, held every Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Msgr. Poole Room.

Since 1996, with the encouragement of our Pastor, Fr. Michael Mcfadden and Fr. Cesar Ageas, Parochial Vicar at St. Charles, at that time, we included the Divine Mercy Chaplet as part of our devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help held every Wednesday at 6:00 pm followed by Holy Mass. Following year, we started to celebrate the First Friday of the month with Divine Mercy devotions at 6:00 pm which includes special prayers: Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Consecration to the Merciful Jesus, followed by Holy Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday, preceded by Divine Mercy Novena has been celebrated at St. Charles since 1998. And in March 2003, when we had the privilege of having Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish,

with the blessing of our Pastor, Msgr. James Church, we named the Chapel as Divine Mercy Chapel of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

Until 2004, it was sponsored by the Filipino Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Apostolate of Divine Mercy Ministry continued. We are now in our 12th years continuous devotion. This year, 2010, is our "Golden Jubilee Year". As our Pastor, Fr. Desmond O'Reilly allows us in our Church, we will continue to celebrate and share our mission of forgiveness and conversion, [please join us in our prayers of thanksgiving!](#)

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Anastacia Untalan**

The Feast Of Divine Mercy in our parish -- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Sacramento.

Father Mitch Maleszyk, our pastor enthroned our beautiful image of the Divine Mercy -- with Knights of Columbus honor guard, blessing prayer, consecrating our parish to His Divine Mercy as desired by Jesus



**PRAYERS
Act of Consecration to Jesus –
The Divine Mercy**

Almighty and Eternal Father, we, the members of St. John the Baptist Parish, consecrate ourselves to You through Jesus – The Divine Mercy.

Merciful Jesus, we proclaim You King of Mercy, and we enthrone Your sacred image in our parish church as an act of love and trust. It is our response to Your desire that souls know You as The King of Mercy, and venerate Your sacred image as The Divine Mercy, throughout the world. May it be a constant reminder to us of Your Loving and Merciful Promises, and of our responsibility to be merciful to one another.

Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust, and increase our love for You and each other. Draw us into Your Merciful Heart, that we may never doubt that You are Omnipotence, Wisdom and Goodness Itself, and so worthy of our utmost trust. Give us the grace to live totally in the present moment, with patience and complete abandonment to Your Will and Providence, neither dwelling on the past, nor living in fear of the future.

In Your tender mercy, help us to be reconciled with You and with one another, that hurts and unforgiveness may not stand in the way of our being transformed, so that Your mercy might shine through us in our families, our community and our world by our actions, words and prayers. Sanctify us with Your Precious Blood and refresh us with the life-giving Water which flow from Your wounded Heart.

Come, Holy Spirit, inspire, guide and teach us in these times of doubt and confusion. Give us courage, strength and perseverance in prayer. We are confident that You are always with us and our parish, and that through this consecration You will bring about the Reconciliation, the Healing and the Peace promised to those who place their whole trust in Our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Come Merciful Lord Jesus! Renew our hearts. Restore our Parish family. Amen.



Bishop Jaime Soto sprinkles parishioners with water as a sign of repentance and as a reminder of their baptism and to purify the walls and the altar of the new church during the dedication Mass for Divine Mercy Church in Sacramento.
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